

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

WHEREAS, the current Federal Defense Budget does not include an allocation for the United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster III military transport plane program at Boeing St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Boeing dedicated a new St. Louis C-17 manufacturing facility that allowed Boeing to consolidate its major St. Louis C-17 assembly work into one facility; and

WHEREAS, today, 20 percent of all C-17 planes are manufactured at Boeing St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Boeing St. Louis team, the largest supplier for the C-17, produces the airlifter's cargo ramp and door, cockpit, including the flight deck, main landing gear pods, and pylons. In addition, 10,000 detail parts for the C-17 are fabricated at Boeing's strategic partner, GKN Aerospace Services - St. Louis, to deliver to Long Beach, California, and Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the new facility at Boeing St. Louis was part of a \$140 million multistage plan designed to transform the Boeing St. Louis site into one of the most competitive operations in the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, if federal funding for this program is not included in the Federal Defense Budget, 950 jobs at Boeing St. Louis and 565 jobs at GKN Aerospace Services - St. Louis would be lost; and

WHEREAS, Boeing St. Louis is second only to Long Beach, California, in the manufacture of the C-17 Globemaster III military transport plane and has 57 suppliers across the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the loss of nearly 1,500 skilled aerospace jobs, occurring at the same time that the Hazelwood Ford Plant is scheduled for closure, would have a significant negative impact on the economy of St. Louis and the state of Missouri, as well as the employment and financial stability of nearly 1,500 employees in this state:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to include in the Federal Defense Budget an allocation for the United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster III military transport plane program at Boeing St. Louis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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